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Maxwell's 'Wings of Victory' air show set for June 5-6

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – Mark your calendars—Maxwell's air show is on the horizon. The June 5-6 "Wings of Victory," air show celebrates the role and contributions of Maxwell/Gunter in service to Alabama and America and commemorates the 60th anniversary of D-Day, the World War II Allied invasion of Europe.

Highlights of the air show include aerial performances by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds (both days); the "Tora Tora Tora" demo team flying eight replicas of Imperial Japanese Navy aircraft and featuring an elaborate ground pyrotechnics show as they simulate an air strike on the base; a P-51 "Mustang" as flown by the famed "Tuskegee Airmen"; U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team; and numerous other vintage and modern-era aircraft ranging from World War II U.S. Navy carrier-based torpedo bombers to the super advanced F-16 fighter. Of particular interest to modern airpower buffs, the air show will feature examples of virtually the entire U.S. Air Force flying arsenal, and air show attendees will be able to see them fly, walk around them while they're parked on the ramp and meet and talk with aircrews.

In addition to the flying portion of the show, there will be numerous informative and interesting displays, including the U.S. Air Force Reserve "Jet-car," which should delight racing fans as its turbo-jet engine powers it down the runway at blinding speed. Visitors will

be able to quench their thirst and grab a bite to eat at one of the many vendor booths and buy a souvenir or two from air show concessionaires.

“The air show promises to be a great time for families and aircraft enthusiasts young and old,” said Colonel Bartsch. “It will also showcase Maxwell/Gunter’s contributions to the Air Force mission, while paying homage to the ‘greatest generation,’ our World War II vets.”

Base officials request no coolers and no pets. Visit www.maxwell.af.mil/airshow for more information.

Media interested in covering the air show should register at www.maxwell.af.mil/airshow/media or contact Lt. Tynisha Jones at the public affairs office, 953-2826 to coordinate coverage.